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TO DIRECTOR

25X1A

INFO [REDACTED]

PRIORITY

#372

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REF A: [REDACTED]

REF B: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT STATUS REPORT 372 ACCIDENT.

1. TEAM DID NOT RETURN TO ACCIDENT SITE 18 FEB SINCE MAJOR
PORTION OF MORNING UTILIZED IN COORDINATING [REDACTED] POSITION RE
25X1A
WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED] DESIRED EXPEDITED ACTION. IMMEDIATELY
AFTER POSITION ESTABLISHED TEAM DEPARTED FOR [REDACTED] BUT 25X1A
1447 GROUND ABORTED AND REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT COULD
NOT BE PROVIDED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF
REMAINING DAY LIGHT HOURS AT SITE. TEAM NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART
25X1A
[REDACTED] EARLY MORNING 19 FEB. FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE PLANNED:

(A) BEGIN CLEARING AWAY BRICK, CEMENT, AND RUBBLE FROM BENEATH,
ON, AND AROUND AIRCRAFT. [REDACTED] HAVE 25X1A
BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AND WILL BE UTILIZED PER [REDACTED] INSTRUCTIONS.
(B) ADDITIONAL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN. (C) DEPENDING UPON 25X1A
ACCESSIBILITY, FUEL, OIL, HYDRAULIC FLUID, AND OXYGEN SAMPLES /

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WILL BE TAKEN. (D) UNTIL CLEAN UP IS ACCOMPLISHED IMPOSSIBLE
TO REMOVE CLASSIFIED SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT. PRESENTLY PLAN
TO LEAVE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AS IS UNDER GUARD AND REEVALUATE
FEASIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING REMOVAL PRIOR TO MOVING AIRCRAFT.

APPEARS NOW THAT BEST POSITION MAY BE TO REMOVE SYSTEMS AFTER 25X1A
AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE RETURNED [REDACTED] (E) REQUIREMENTS AND 25X1A
AVAILABILITY OF SALVAGE EQUIPMENT FROM [REDACTED]

WILL BE ESTABLISHED. OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND
MOVED FROM [REDACTED] (F) LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL

WITNESSES AT [REDACTED] INCLUDING BRIEF OR TRANSCRIPT
OF UHF TRANSMISSIONS ON [REDACTED] 25X1A

2. GENERAL CLEANUP IN AREA WILL REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY.
AFTER CLEANUP AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETAINED IN PRESENT CONFIGURATION
UNTIL VIEWED BY INVESTIGATION TEAM. WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE CONCERNED
TEAM MEMBERS FROM [REDACTED] FOR VIEW OF SITE 25X1A
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND RETURN, IF THEIR ARRIVAL TIME PERMITS.
SALVAGE OPERATIONS COULD THEN COMMENCE ON MONDAY AND PROBABLY
BE COMPLETED TUESDAY. DELAYING THE ABOVE ACTIONS UNTIL TEAM
ARRIVES WOULD PROBABLY EXTEND COMPLETION OF SALVAGE UNTIL AT
LEAST NEXT THURSDAY.

3. HAVE REQUESTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE LATEST [REDACTED] AND 25X1A
WRIGHT PATTERSON FUEL REPORT ON BATCH 41A WHICH WAS USED
EXCLUSIVELY FROM 4 FEB THROUGH 16 FEB.

4. CAUSES OF REPORTED OVER TEMP WHICH LEAD TO SHUT DOWN REMAIN UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. ALSO HAVE NO FACTUAL INFO TO SUPPORT WHETHER
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OR NOT ANY OTHER SYMPTOMS WERE NOTED. INSPECTION AND/OR TDR
OF ENGINE AND ACCESSORIES SHOULD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION.
DETERIOTATION OF WEATHER AT [REDACTED] AFTER FIELD WAS REPORTED 25X1A
"IN SIGHT AND GOING CHANNEL ONE" PROBABLY CAUSED PILOT TO
DIVERT TO [REDACTED] REASON FOR ATTEMPTED FLAMED OUT APPROACH
DOWN WIND AT [REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN. DISCUSSION WITH [REDACTED] 25X1A
TOWER PERSONNEL MAY SHED LIGHT ON THIS POINT.
3. NAMES OF CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES WITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION
WILL BE VERIFIED AT THE SCENE NEXT VISIT. PROPERTY DAMAGE WILL
ALSO BE FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

END OF MESSAGE